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The following is the Letter addreſs'd by Dr. TAYLOR to the Phyſicians and Surgeons of London, and prefixed to the firſt part of his Univerſal Treatiſe on the Eye.

Gentlemen,

OF all the ſenſes, that of ſeeing is allowed to be moſt uſeful; yet 'tis a general receiv'd opinion, that the organ deſtin'd to ſerve to that noble end, is more expoſed to dangers, more liable to infirmities and diſeaſes than any other; and that ſuch diſeaſes are with more difficulty removed. This, indeed, ſeems to reflect upon the conduct of nature, who has always beſt guarded thoſe parts, which are of greateſt uſe: but I believe the objection may be ſoon anſwer'd, and nature be found here in no wiſe to differ from her ordinary method of acting; if we conſider what little attention has been given to this branch of knowledge, and how few have engaged in its practice.

There is no doubt but the cauſe of this ignorance ariſes from the great nicety that attends its ſtudy, and the little ſucceſs that has flowed from its practice; if, therefore, from the following ſheets, it may appear I have apply'd myſelf with more diligence to the former; or if the ſucceſs which I have met with in the latter may be every day known, I queſtion not, but theſe will be ſufficient motives to recommend this Piece to your peruſal; and of this I am the more perſuaded, becauſe I apprehend, you, who are particularly diſtinguiſh'd in the learned world from your ſuperior judgment in phyſick, can't but be well pleas'd with any induſtry, that may be conducive to the improving this moſt uſeful, and perhaps only part, which has been hitherto leaſt known.

Whatever may have been thought of the method I have taken towards the advancement of this Science, may be needleſs to mention; but I muſt beg leave to obſeve thus much in my favour, that the late tedious progreſs I have taken, which I find has given to ſome a cauſe of objection, has been the only means and foundation of my knowledge and improvement, as it has furniſh'd me with an opportunity of making my remarks upon a greater number of ſubjects, in a few years, than the whole ſeries of my life, in a ſettled way, could poſſibly have afforded me.

I wou'd be here underſtood, that from the many experiments I have made during the uninterrupted courſe of eight years (the time I was on this progreſs) I have been furniſh'd with thoſe lights which have enabled me to form a more certain and extenſive theory than my predeceſſors could pretend to, or my contemporaries can boaſt of. And ſurely it muſt be granted, that in all Sciences, that which is ſupported by a number of inconteſtible facts, is preferable to that which is only founded upon a precarious, and often chimerical hypotheſis: therefore, Gentlemen, I hope, what I have the honour to preſent you, will be read and examin'd, without the leaſt regard to any private ends, but purely in the view of rendring ſervice to the publick.

Not to mention that variety of diſeaſes, for the cure of which we have hitherto had no true method propoſed, and which I have endeavoured to remedy, by a more eaſy and ſecure way than has yet been found out; that of the Cataract, as being more general, is, for that reaſon, more worthy of remark; eſpecially if we conſider that it has been thought neceſſary to expoſe the patient to wait ſometimes many years in a very miſerable ſtate, for the maturity of it; in hopes of ſucceſs from an operation which has always been acknowledg'd dangerous, and ſo very uncertain, by the ordinary methods, that 'tis even hard to conceive why it ſhould not rather totally deſtroy the ſight, than prove a means of its recovery.

If it ſhall appear from the ſucceſs ſome of you have ſeen, and the account here given of the manner of my removing theſe diſorders, that I am the firſt who have diſcover'd the means to avoid that painful delay of a Cataract's maturity, and to remove the ſeveral ſpecies of it with leſs danger, I hope you will think me worthy your eſteem, as well as that of the Publick.

The *Gutta Serena* has been hitherto generally judged incurable; but if it is evident from my practice, and in the progreſs of this work, that I have been ſo happy as to find out a way of removing ſeveral ſpecies of it, I hope, ſince I explain the methods, and pretend to no ſecret, there will be nothing in this caſe that ſavours of preſumption.

It may not, perhaps, be amiſs to obſerve here, that it has ever been a cuſtom with the profeſs'd Oculiſts of all nations, to make a ſecret of their practice, and to refuſe to communicate to any one a ſhare of that knowledge they poſſeſs'd. For my part, I declare publickly my deſign of acting in a different manner, and am ſo far from deſiring to conceal my practice, that I ſhall ever uſe my utmoſt endeavours to make it more diffuſive and univerſal.

I am far from affirming, that I have a compleat knowledge of all the diſeaſes of the eye; and own there are many things I am unacquainted with: but it may be ſufficient here to recommend my practice and theory to the judgment of you, who, from your education, can be no ſtrangers to the ſubject; and I ſhall beg leave to finiſh with this reflection, That whatever fate amends this work, I know no enemies amongſt you, except thoſe who ſacrifice more to Mammon than Reaſon.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble ſervant,

JOHN TAYLOR.

Suffolk-ſtreet, Dec. 21, 1735.

It is unuſual for us to inſert whole *Prefatory Letters*; but inaſmuch as the following *Remarks* were actually order'd for the Preſs, before the above-recited *Letter* came to hand, we judged it moſt fair to inſert them both. And we hereby give notice to PETER QUEER, that (if he intends we ſhould print any more of his Papers on this ſubject) we expect he ſhould make himſelf known to our Printer.

To the Society of GRUB-STREET.

YOU muſt know, Gentlemen, that I cannot bear any wiſe man ſhould be miſrepreſented, or any weak one impoſed upon. I ſhould therefore be glad (if you pleaſe) to let the world know that Dr. TAYLOR, with all his ſhow of accuracy, has ſet out, with his *Treatiſes*, in the moſt blundering manner imaginable. Not to mention his audacious inſolence to his countrymen. 'Madam (to the Queen) I need not 'make an apology for writeing a Treatiſe on this ſub'ject; ſince nothing of the kind has yet appeared in 'our language worthy the leaſt notice'; and, at the ſame time, his abject flattery to the Queen, 'Your ma'jeſty is as capable of judging of the ſolidity and merit 'of this work, as you are inclined to encourage arts and 'ſciences: and your great diſcernment in *all* things is 'equal to thoſe eminent virtues, which [mind the ſuperſublime] 'have inwardly adorned the ſplendor of an 'outward crown'. —— Is it not a ſhame he ſhould give ſo bungling an account of what he lays down from Mr. PETIT (his great guide) by way of foundation to what he advances? To give us an idea of the proportion, ſituation, &c. of the parts of the eye, that great man gave us a figure with proper explications: inſtead of which Dr. TAYLOR gives us, without any elucidation, a very lame and unintelligible account of the matter, though he founds his argument and practice upon it. Thus he begins: 'The axis of the eye, which Mr. PETIT exa'mined, was 11 lines one third of length'. Now, where is the ſenſe of the *axis*, without the figure? Or, where is the Engliſh of its being 11 *lines of length?* Again, 'The cryſtalline had 4 lines $\frac{1}{2}$ in bigneſs, and 2 'lines $\frac{1}{4}$ in thickneſs'. Here I muſt tell you (or, without Mr. PETIT's account, you will not be able ſo much as to gueſs what he means by *bigneſs*) you are to underſtand the breadth of the cryſtalline, viz. the chord of the portion of a ſphere of 9 lines in diameter, formed by its anterior part. —— But I will not trouble you, or your readers, with the whole account: it would be but little to edification. Only, for a ſpecimen of the Dr's care in the account (the errors whereof his skill in addition might have rectify'd) and how little is to be expected from his account of any thing, give me leave to add the following calculation of the weight [the dimenſions he is more miſtaken in] of the ſeveral parts:

The Weight of the	*according to*	Mr. PETIT		Dr. TAYLOR.	
Aqueous hum.		gr. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$		gr. 5 -	
Cryſtalline		4 $\frac{1}{4}$	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	53 $\frac{1}{4}$
Vitreous		104 -		10 -	
Membranes		34 -		34 -	

Now, ſays Dr. TAYLOR (ſuch is his exactneſs, or arithmetic!) if we put together the weight of each of theſe parts, the total will be 147 grains and a half for this globe of the eye.

What follows relating hereto, viz. 'There are ſeve'ral other ways of knowing the true ſituation of the 'cryſtalline, and thickneſs of the aqueous chambers. If '&c.' or, in Dr. PETIT's words, 'Onpeut encore de'montrer le veritable lieu du cryſtallin par pluſieurs 'autres moyens', you will take to be the Doctor's improvement on Dr. PETIT: eſpecially as he introduces (p. 6.) the foregoing account under the title of 'the 'following experiment'; and concludes (p. 9.) the whole foundation of his plan with theſe words, 'By theſe ex'periments we learn, &c.' But, to do juſtice to Dr. PETIT, to whom Dr. TAYLOR owes all that is valuable in this *Treatiſe* (if it may be ſaid to be valuable, what he has ſo obſcured and diſfigured in the repreſentation) you muſt know it is Dr. PETIT's; to whom he is alſo indebted for all that is valuable in his operation: as (if he will not take ſhame to himſelf, and make his acknowledgments) I ſhall probably demonſtrate.

N. B. The error of 10 for 104 (for the weight of the vitreous humor) will, by people of good conſideration and charity, be charged on the preſs. For, how can they ſuppoſe that this topping oculiſt (after ſo many years practice, progreſs, honors from colleges, univerſities, ſocieties, academies, and crowned heads) ſhould be ſo ſadly miſtaken in the ſtructure of the eye, and the proportions of its parts, dimenſions, &c. as to put 10 for 104; eſpecially when it is ſo eaſy to conclude that the compoſitor might drop, or overlook the 4. —— But even ſuch perſons will perhaps find reaſon to ſuſpect that the fault muſt be laid to the Doctor's charge: not only becauſe it behoved him to be very careful in correcting the preſs: more eſpecially in figures and calculations of importance, which it was ſo very eaſy to do, where the error was ſo glaring: but (1) becauſe he has given us the computation in letters: not 10, but ten. (2) Becauſe, in Dr. PETIT's Letter on this ſubject (printed at Paris in 1729, p. 5.) the words are 'L'humeur vitrée peſoit 10 'grains': which, it is likely (tho' hardly excuſable in a haſty hackney writer) he copied without thinking: and therefore never conſulted the Errata, in which he would have found that he ought, for 10, to have writ 104. I am, having already treſpaſſed too far, without further ceremony,

Yours,

Jan. 3, 1735-6. PETER QUEER.

An excellent NEW BALLAD, *or* TWO PART SONG;

To the Tune of

Mark well how Bateman ày'd for love! &c. &c.

1.

IN antient times, Hiſtorians tell,
A Marquiſs ſtout and bold,
Took unto wife Patient GRIZEL:
The ſtory's mighty old.

2.

Renown'd was he throughout his youth,
For deeds of worthy fame;
For virtue, valour, conſtant truth;
His heart and tongue the ſame!

3.

None came too early to his gate,
Did every one accord,
Nor eke departed thence too late;
So bountiful this Lord.

4.

Gueſts, friends and neighbours, far and near,
Conſeſs'd his pleaſant life:
Yet, ſome wou'd whiſper in his ear,
"But why not take a wife——

5.

Perhaps becauſe I never lov'd,
Thus doubtful he'd reply;
Yet, ere they weightier reaſons mov'd,
Had GRIZEL in his eye.

6.

Haſte we to ſing GRIZELDA fair,
A peerleſs dame to be;
Her father a plain villager,
His only daughter ſhe:

7.
Tu'l fifteen years of age, I ween,
Her father's dear delight;
And when ſhe tript it o'er the green,
Never was wench ſo tight.

8.
The bluſhing Roſe and Lilly fair,
Her bloomy face outvies;
Nor ſparkling Di'monds might compare
With her more ſparkling eyes!

9.
Although they wounded many hearts!
Her ſmile made all things gay:
Yet all the lovers, flames and darts,
Ne'er turn'd her thoughts aſtray.

10.
A beauty, every way compleat,
Adorn'd with innocence,
Aim'd not beyond appearing neat;
Content with ſober ſenſe!

11.
The tale a courtſhip doth relate,
May raiſe your admiration;
Now let it not provoke your hate,
For being out of faſhion.

12.
At length this Lord had fix'd a day,
And all things did provide;
So forth, in pomp, he took his way,
To make this Maid a Bride.

13.
Meeting the farmer in his yard,
While GRIZ was ſweetly ſinging,
They ask'd him, Whence the voice was heard?
"The laſs within a ſpinning ——

14.
The good man call'd his dam'ſel forth,
To greet this noble train:
Our Lord obſerv'd their honeſt worth;
And thus reply'd again.

15.
Now truſt me, friend, your leave I crave,
To woo your daughter's charms:
My Lord, when her conſent you have,
I'll bleſs her in your arms.

16.
And you, Sweetheart, will you conſent,
To be my wedded wife;
Aſſuredly, chaſte, mild, patient,
Obeying without ſtrife?

17.
My Lord, in all I will obey,
As Heav'n may me enable!
Kiſſes began, their nuptial day:
And thus proceeds our Fable.

18.
Tho' near to fortune was her coiff,
Her ſmock was nearer ſtill;
Yet, home-ſpun gray, and all, muſt off,
Since 'tis his Lordſhip's will.

19.
Unveil'd ſhe ſtands, a Goddeſs hight!
Then kneeling down he ſaid,
Not DIAN's ſelf appear'd more bright!
Nor HOMER's blue-eye'd maid!

20.
A ring did ſtrait her finger grace,
And ſoon rich robes were on:
The Bridegroom fill'd a dreſſer's place;
The Bride in jewels ſhon.

21.
This happy pair, departing bleſt,
Drew all the country round,
Home to a truely ſumptuous feaſt,
That Love and Beauty crown'd!

Here endeth the Firſt Part; and Mr. CONUNDRUM, according as you favour this with a place in your *Journal*, even ſo expect a Second.

Yours,

Dec. 8, 1735. SIMON.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 8. Laſt twelfth-day at night their Majeſties and the reſt of the royal family play'd at hazard and cards, when his Majeſty loſt about 800 guineas, and her Majeſty 500; but the Prince and the right hon. the Lord Harrington won conſiderably. *G.* —— His Majeſty won 100 guineas, the Queen 60, Lord Harrington 700; the Prince loſt 300, &c. *DA.*

The Lords of the Admiralty have order'd 6500 ſeamen to be immediately diſcharg'd from the fleet, and paid off. *DA.*

Mr. Welden, organiſt to his Majeſty, has been dangerouſly ill, but 'tis hoped will recover. *DA.* —— *The* P. *and* DA. *of Jan.* 6. kill'd *him the* ſunday *before: and the* P. *Jan.* 7. *nominated* a ſucceſſor.

Married, a few days ſince, Sir John Barnard of Huntingdonſhire, Bar. to the youngeſt daughter of Sir Francis S. John, Bart. of Thorp in Northamptonſhire, an agreeable young lady with a fortune of 30,000 l.—— On tueſday, at S. Paul's, Dr. Palmer, fellow of Winchester-college, to Miſs Garnier, a Lady of ſingular merit and 5000 l. *DP.*——Yeſterday, at Knights-bridge, Geo. Philips of Dover, Eſq; to Miſs Freeman, a fortune of 12,000 l. *G.*

Died, laſt week, at Market-Haerlem, near Thetford, Tho. Wright, Eſq; *DJ.* —— On thurſday, at Pulborough in Suſſex, John Atkins, Eſq; juſt come of age to an eſtate of near 2000 l. per ann. *DA.* —— On ſaturday, at Rocheſter, the Lady Jane Bell, relict of Sir Hugh, poſſeſs'd of an eſtate of near 2500 l. per ann. *DP.* —— On ſunday, in Great Ruſſel-ſtreet, Mrs. S. Quintin, who has left 500 l. to Chriſt's hoſpital, and 500 l. to Bridewell. *DA.*

On ſunday one Acton a ſailor was found drowned near Sheerneſs, and being brought to his houſe in Virginia-ſtreet, his wife at the ſight of the corpſe, miſcarried of a dead child, and 'tis thought will not recover. *P.*

Laſt monday as Hump. Burgoigne, Eſq; was looking upon ſome workmen who were ſhoreing up an old houſe at Rotherhith, it ſuddenly fell, and bruiſed him ſo much, that he died the next day, and three of the workmen were likewiſe kill'd. *DP. DA.*

Mac Carbney, the noted money dropper, being committed to Newgate on tueſday, for ſnatching Mr. Swain's ſword, ſtabbed himſelf the ſame night with a penknife. *P.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 9. On friday the rev. Dr. Bundy preſented to the King, Queen, and his royal highneſs the Prince, his 5th Volume of the tranſlation of Catrou and Rouille's Roman hiſtory. *DP. LP.*

On tueſday the inhabitants of Weſtminſter met in Fiſh-yard, and determined, that the bridge, for which they are reſolv'd to petition the Parliament, ſhould be made from the Horſe-ferry to Lambeth. *DA.* —— On wedneſday a Petition was agreed on. *G.* —— *What occaſion was there for a* Petition, *ſince it ſeems, they had before* determined that the bridge ſhould be made?

We hear the Diſſenters are reſolv'd to apply this next ſeſſions for a repeal of the Teſt act. *LP.*

We hear a certain Lady keeps out of the way, having ſtabb'd her maid with a ſpit, ſo that ſhe's either dead or a dying. *LP.*

We hear that Mrs. Eliz. Barker, who was tried at the Old Baily, for ſtealing goods, &c. and honourably acquitted, has brought her action, and laid her damages at 1000 l. *LP.*

Yeſterday at a general quarter Seſſions at Weſtminſter, Sir John Gonſon, gave a very learned charge to the Grand Jury. *LP.* —— A very learned and ingenious ſpeech or charge. *DJ.*

On thurſday the Wardmore Jury for the city of Weſtminſter, out of the collections amounting to 237 l. made in the ſeveral wards, diſcharged ſeveral priſoners in the Gatehouſe: and the remainder is to be diſtributed to poor decayed houſe-keepers, &c. *DJ. DA.*

Married on ſunday, at Windſor, John Kitchen, Eſq; to Miſs Saunders, of Reading, a very beautiful young Lady with 8000 l. *DP.*

Died a few days ago, near Aſhton in Somerſetſhire, of a mortification, occaſioned by a fall from his horſe, Auſtin Latton Newbury, Eſq; who had 2000 l. per ann. *P.*

Yeſterday the wife of one Scyers, a porter in Swithin's-lane, was found dead in her bed, with her throat cut from ear to ear. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 10. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to promote the rev. Dr. Eaſte to the biſhoprick of Oſſory, in the room of Dr. Tenniſon, deceas'd. *G.* —— At the recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. *DA.*

Tho. Horne, Eſq; late accomptant-general of the Poſt office, is ſucceeded by John Searle, Eſq; —— And Mr. Horne's ſon ſucceeds Mr. Searle as deputy-accomptant. *DA.*

The engine erecting in S. James's-park for emptying Roſamond's pond, will be completed and ready to work in April next at fartheſt. *DA.* —— *My brother told us on Jan.* 2. *that it* did not go on.

We hear there are near 700 men employed in making the river Dee navigable to Cheſter. *DJ.*

We hear that Sir Rich. Hopkins, Knt. died worth 100,000 l. and that having left no will, his real eſtate falls to Sir Edw. Bellamy, as next of kin, being his brother by the mother's ſide. *DA.*

They give us a remarkable inſtance of conjugal affection from York, where one Mr. Matthews, an honeſt tradeſman, dying ſuddenly, his wife was ſo affected with the loſs, that ſhe died the next day of exceſſive grief. *DA.*

Died on ſaturday at Pinner, near Harrow on the hill, Mrs. Millington, a maiden gentlewoman of great fortune. *DA.* —— On monday at Lambeth, the Lady Hall, relict of the late Sir Thomas, worth 25,000 l. *DP.* —— On tueſday the only ſon of the right hon. the Lord Viſc. Torrington. *DP.* —— Aged about a month, the hon. maſter Byng, &c. *DA.* —— Yeſterday in his 77th year, in Swan-court, High Holborn, Clement Cornwell, Eſq; —— At Chelſea, John Whitfield, of Rocheſter, Eſq; *P.*

Yeſterday morning early Mr. Nixon's ſhop in Lombard ſtreet, was attempted to be broke open by ſome fellows, who cut a large hole in one of the ſhutters, but were diſturbed by 2 ſervants who lay in the ſhop. The houſe is very near the watch-houſe, but the fellows did not receive the leaſt diſturbance from that quarter; which with many inſtances of the ſame nature, will, we hope, induce the magiſtrates of the city, to regulate the watch in ſuch a manner, as to anſwer the original intent. *LP.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 12. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Haitet preach'd before their Majeſties, his royal highneſs the Prince, &c. —— And the rev. Dr. Stebbing before his highneſs the Duke, &c. *P. DJ. G.*—Mr. Haytor, &c. *DA.*

We hear his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. the Earl of Crawfurd, one of the ſixteen Peers, to be Lord Lieutenant of Eaſt Lothian, in the room of the late Earl of Haddington. *DP.*

On ſaturday Horatio Walpole, Eſq; his Majeſty's ambaſſador extraordinary to the States-general arrived at Whitehall, &c. *P. DJ.* —— With his Lady and family. *DP. G.* —— His excellency had the good fortune to land juſt an hour before a violent ſtorm aroſe. *DA.*

On ſaturday the Lords commiſſioners of the Treaſury appointed Mr. Jones to ſucceed Mr. Will. Richards, deceas'd, as their deputy-meſſenger. *DP.*

The committee appointed by the late Common-council to prepare heads of a bill for the better regulation of the watch, have ſent circular letters to the Wards, to deſire an account of the number of watchmen at preſent employ'd, may be immediately ſent them, as likewiſe what additional number they apprehend will conduce more effectually to the ſecurity of the ſtreets. *DA.*—*That* ſecurity *will not depend ſo much upon the* number, *as the* nature of the watchmen.

The jeweller who robb'd his maſter in Gulſton-ſquare, Whitechapel, of diamonds to the value of 50 l. was taken on ſaturday at Greenwich, enquiring for a paſſage to Holland: the diamonds were found upon him. *LP.*

We hear the maid that was run into the body by her miſtreſs with a ſpit, is ſince dead; and its ſaid her miſtreſs is gone to Holland. *LP.*

Died laſt week, at Boſton in Lincolnſhire, aged near 90, Rog. Gale, Eſq; *DP.* —— On friday in Carey-ſtreet, Lincoln's-inn, ... Atwood, Eſq; a young gentleman of a plentiful eſtate. *DA.* —— In Bloomsbury, Mr. John Banniſter, one of his Majeſty's band of muſick. *LP.* —— On ſaturday, aged 74, &c. *DP.*

On thurſday Francis Rocke of Mildenhall in Suffolk, Eſq; was drowned as he was croſſing the Mildenhall river: he was married but a month ago to a Lady of great fortune. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 13. A few days ſince a Diſpenſation paſſed the ſeal, to enable the rev. Mr. Wilſon to hold the rectory of Aſhurſt, in the county of Suffolk, and dioceſe of Chicheſter, together with the rectory of Weſtmerſton. *DJ.* — Suffolk *is put for* Suſſex.

The Lord Biſhop of London has appointed the rev. Mr. Jenkins to be reader at Whitehall, in the room of the rev. Mr. Clark, who has reſign'd. *DA.*

We hear that Sir Rich. Hopkins, Knt. died worth 100,000 l. and that having left no will, his real eſtate falls to the relict of the rev. Mr. James Barrow, his father's own ſiſter, and the children of Mr. Tho. Hopkins, late of Thames-ſtreet, orange-merchant; and not to Sir Edw. Bellamy, he being only a firſt couſin. *DA.*

The little man who was made a publick ſhew of in Town, was yeſterday put on ſhipboard for France, to be expos'd in that kingdom. *LP.*

On friday night the compting-houſe of Sir Iſaac Shard, Knt. in Kennington-lane, was broke open, and robb'd of money, notes and plate to the value of 700 l. *DP.* —— Early on ſaturday morning: robb'd to a very conſiderable value. *DJ.*

Died laſt week, in Great Ormond-ſtreet, Mrs. Millington, a maiden gentlewoman, worth 70,000 l. *DP.*

Laſt ſaturday a wherry was overſet between Woolwich and Blackwall, and 5 paſſengers with the waterman, who has left a wife and 6 children, were drown'd. *LP.* —— Yeſterday a Graveſend boat was overſet againſt Blackwall, and 8 drown'd. *DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 14. His majeſty has been pleaſed to ſettle his royal bounty of 1000 l. per ann. to the church of Scotland, for the reformation of ſeveral of the inhabitants of the highlands and iſlands in that part of North Britain. *DP.*

Major general Panton hath obtain'd leave to reſign his place of Equerry to his Majeſty, to his brother Capt. Hen. Panton. *LP.*

To-morrow both houſes of Parliament will meet at Weſtminſter. *DJ.* —— A great many noblemen, gentlemen, &c. are determined to oppoſe and petition againſt a bridge from Weſtminſter to Lambeth, becauſe the charge of building it (according to the ſcheme) is to be laid on the landed intereſt. *LP.*

Yeſterday the vicarage of Canweedon in Eſſex, worth about 150 l. per ann. for want of the patron's preſenting a perſon of the Biſhop of London's nomination (which it ſeems is a condition annex'd to the right of preſentation) lapſes to his Lordſhip. *DP. DA.*

Died on monday, aged near 70, Sir George Markham, it is ſaid he died very rich. *P.* —— Worth 100,000 l. *DP.* —— Is not dead, as mentioned in the evening papers. *DA.* —— Yeſterday of a fever, at Deptford, Capt. Brownwell, worth 10,000 l. *DA.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Mr. BAVIUS's Speech to the Society of Grub-ſtreet, *Dec.* 31, 1735.

Gentlemen,

ACcording to a reſolution taken long before, and communicated to ſome of you above ſix months ago, I now reſign the office of Secretary; which I have executed, either in conjunction with another perſon, or ſolely by myſelf, from the time of the firſt appearance of our Journal. As the chief end and deſign of this undertaking was to expoſe the illiterate, immoral, and impious writings of thoſe apoſtates from our Society, who are ſtill pretending that they were not, and ſtill proving that they were members of it; the faithful diſcharge of my office could not but expoſe me to continual clamours and calumniations. Notwithſtanding all which, I have gone on chearfully in the execution of it, and have had the ſatisfaction all along to obſerve the conduct of our adverſaries to be the very ſame: all falſely aſcribing, from time to time, particular pieces to particular perſons; and inſtead of anſwering directly to the arguments advanced, evaſively raiſing cavils foreign to the diſpute, and abuſing the imaginary authors with perſonal reflections. This method was begun in the *Weekly Regiſter*, continued in the *Hyp-Doctor*, and the *Bee*, and lately carried to a much greater height in the *Prompter*. Such a uniformity of conduct in the ſeveral champions who have fought at the head of thoſe four Papers, could proceed from nothing but a ſimilitude of ſentiments and abilities; from a conſciouſneſs of being in the wrong; and a determinate reſolution not to yield to the plaineſt conviction.

In all the controverſies in which I have been principally ingaged, I have ſtill gone through the whole argument, and left nothing which at all concerned it without a reply. But in thoſe carried on by our Correſpondents, when their Letters have increaſed to ſuch a number or length as rendered them not proper for our Paper; as ſoon as enough had been publiſhed to ſhew plainly which ſide was in the right, the reſt has been ſuppreſſed. For it is in writeing as it is in common converſation, where ignorant and conceited perſons will prate on inceſſantly, and diſturb the company, tho' they have nothing to ſay.

This petulant verboſity in controverſial antagoniſts has been the occaſion of the greateſt trouble in the execution of this office; in which, tho' I have acted with an exact impartiality, I have found it impoſſible to give ſatisfaction to thoſe who were inferior in the argument, and who frequently in revenge have diſcharged their reſentment upon me.

I need not repeat the ſeveral reaſons which have induced me to reſign my office now at the concluſion of the ſixth year: I ſhall only mention the principal one which determined me long ago to a reſolution of doing it at this time. And here I ſhall take the freedom to expreſs myſelf in my brother BUDGELL's language, upon his laying down of the BEE. 'This Work being now 'brought to the concluſion of the [*ſixth*] Volume, [I ſhall decline the part I have hitherto had in carrying it 'on;] and employ three or four months upon ſome other 'Things, which, I am ſure, the Publick [in general, or 'you in particular] expect from me.' To anſwer the expectations of both whilſt I continue in this office, would be altogether impracticable. But in a ſhort time after I am diſingaged from it, I hope I ſhall be able in ſome meaſure to ſatisfie your expectation at leaſt, by preſenting you with two Volumes of *Select Memoirs* of our Society, which are already in great forwardneſs. In the mean time, I muſt beg the favour of you to allow a place now and then in your *Journal* for a *Letter* from me as a correſpondent; which it is probable I may ſend you, in proſecution of my undertaking to ſet the literature of ſome *Modern Philoſophers* in a true light.

And now, Gentlemen, I have nothing more to add, but my grateful acknowledgments for the favour I have ſo long enjoyed; and my ſincere wiſhes for your proſperity. Far from ever diſowning (like many of my brethren) the relation I have ſo long borne to you, I ſhall always look upon it as the greateſt honour. And, to expreſs my hearty wiſhes in the ſublimeſt manner, may thoſe *annual juns* which ſhall hereafter *ariſe*, ſtill behold our Society flouriſhing more and more under proper regulations, of which you muſt have the honour of having layed the foundation.

Gentlemen, *Jan.* 8, 1735.

I Have read in your Paper a Letter, dated Oct. 28 complaining of C——a *Bookſeller*, as guilty of impoſing on the Publick in certain volumes publiſhed with the Title of Mr. P——'s *Literary Correſpondence*. As I take this to mean a reflection on the *candid* Mr. E—— C——, I beg leave to ſay a few words in defence of that eminent *Stationer*; who, far from attempting to impoſe upon any one, hath ingenuouſly prefix'd *his Name* to every Book which he hath publiſhed, beſides a pretty Picture of the *Initial Letters* E. C. curiouſly interwoven in Cyphers; and who cannot be ſaid to have deceived any *one* Purchaſer, Since who is there in the kingdom that ſees Mr. C——'s NAME in the Title Page, and is not from that circumſtance enabled to form a perfect judgment of the Book?

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A beggar blind, with legs and feet ſupply'd
A lame one, riding on his back as guide.
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DACTYL.

Since our laſt, we have received a *Latin Poem* by Φιλαγαθος, a *Latin Epitaph* on Jacob Tonſon, an *Elegy* on the death of J. W's character, and three *Letters*, ſigned A. T. PHILO-GRUB, and ACADEMICUS. It is proper, that our Printer ſhould ſee the gentleman laſt named, before we print his challenge.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 8. —— *Paris, Jan.* 14. N. S. On the 20th at Rome, Cardinal Aquaviva gave a fine Cantata, whereat were preſent the Chevalier de S. George with his two ſons, 20 Cardinals, the ambaſſadors of France and Venice, 18 Princeſſes and ladies of the firſt diſtinction, &c. when all ſorts of refreſhments were ſerved up in great plenty. *P.* —— The Prelates and moſt of the nobility. *G.* —— On occaſion of the Infant Don Lewis being created Cardinal *DA.* —— The Dauphin was taken out of the womens hands, and put into thoſe of a Governor on ſunday laſt. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 10. —— *Madrid, Dec.* 27. N. S. His Catholick Majeſty is diſpoſed to yield to the Preliminary Articles, if the Maritime Powers will ſolemnly guaranty to the King of the two Sicilys the peaceable poſſeſſion of thoſe two kingdoms. *P. DA. LP.*

Vienna, Jan. 4. The 12th of next month is fixed for his Royal Highneſs's marriage, which is to be celebrated with the ſame ceremonies and magnificence, as that of Auguſtus III. with the Joſephine Archduchеſs. *P. DP. DJ. DA. G.* —— On *Feb.* 1. *LP.*

The new body of troops raiſed in Croatia, who all liſted voluntarily, revolted in their march to Italy, murder'd all their officers, and retir'd into the Turkiſh dominions. *DP. DA.* —— 4000. *LP.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 12. —— *Hamburgh, Jan.* 10. 'Tis adviſed from Petersburgh, that a deputation from the commerce of Archangel arriv'd there, to inform the court that a new paſſage was diſcovered to China 400 miles ſhorter than the route which was hitherto made uſe of. *DJ.*

The court has at length receiv'd the important news, that the Kings of Spain and Sardinia have conſented to accede to the preliminaries of peace, ſo that a univerſal tranquility is [may be] once more ſeen in Europe. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 13. From Paris they tell us, that the Catholick King had at laſt, without the concurrence or participation of his Queen, acceded to the Preliminary Articles; which had laid her Majeſty under an unſpeakable conſternation. *P.* —— Her Majeſty was ſtruck with great aſtoniſhment at the firſt news. *LP.* —— It is thought the publication of the peace would not take place till July. *P.* —— Not be proclaimed. *DJ. G.*

They write from Lisbon, that a great many ſeamen of the Britiſh ſquadron were ill of the flux, by drinking too great quantities of new wines, and that ſeveral were carried on ſhore into the hoſpitals. *LP.*

Yeſterday Bank Stock was 148 7 8ths, a 3 4ths. a 7 8ths. India 176 for the Opening. S. S. Reading-Stock 96 1 half, 97, for the Opening. Old Annuities 111 1 4th, a 3 8ths, a 1 half. New Annuities 112, a 1 8th, for the Opening. Three per Cent. Annuity 102 for the Opening. Million Bank 110. African 14. Royal Aſſurance 102 1 4th. a 3. London Aſſurance 13 1 half. New Bank Circulation 5 l. 15 s. Prem. South Sea Bonds 5 l. 3 s. 5 l. 6 s. Prem. India ditto 5 l. 15 s. a 13 s. Prem. Three per Cent. ditto 4 l. 8 s. Prem. Engliſh Copper 2 l. 1 s. Welſh ditto, Books ſhut Salt Tallies 3 l. 15 s. a 4 l. 10 s. Prem. Emperor's Loan 113 a 1 half. a 1 4th.

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